

COUNTY PROFILE

# Lac Qui Parle Co.

Lac Qui Parle Co. is a part of Economic Development Region 6W, which is located in the Southwest Planning Region.



## POPULATION CHARACTERISTICS

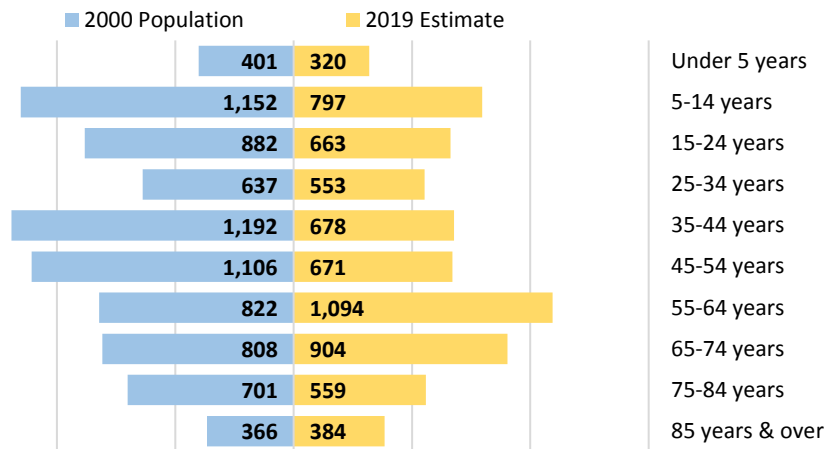
Lac Qui Parle Co.'s population has decreased so far this decade, ranking as the 87th fastest growing of the 87 counties in the state from 2010 to 2019. It is now the 76th largest in the state. Lac Qui Parle Co.'s population has an older median age than the state and a larger percentage of people aged 65 years and older. The population is aging, especially as the Baby Boom generation moves through the population pyramid (see Figure 1).

Current population:	<b>6,623 people</b>	Median Age:	<b>49.8 years</b>
Population change, 2010-2019	-636 people -8.8% decline	state:	38.3 years

	Number	Percent
Under 5 years	320	4.8%
5-14 years	797	12.0%
15-24 years	663	10.0%
25-34 years	553	8.3%
35-44 years	678	10.2%
45-54 years	671	10.1%
55-64 years	1,094	16.5%
65-74 years	904	13.6%
75-84 years	559	8.4%
85 years & over	384	5.8%
<b>Total Population</b>	<b>6,623</b>	<b>100.0%</b>

Source: U.S. Census Bureau, Population Estimates

Figure 1. Population Pyramid, 2000-2019



Lac Qui Parle Co. suffered a negative natural increase - more deaths than births from 2010 to 2019, but also experienced net out-migration - meaning more people moved out than moved in. Despite suffering domestic out-migration, Lac Qui Parle Co. welcomed net international immigration - gaining new Minnesotans from foreign countries (see Table 2).

	Total Population Change	April 1, 2010 to July 1, 2019					
		Natural Increase	Vital Events		Net Migration		
			Births	Deaths	Total	International	Domestic
Lac Qui Parle Co.	-635	-231	596	827	-411	40	-451
State of Minnesota	335,705	250,488	637,356	386,868	88,161	114,414	-26,253

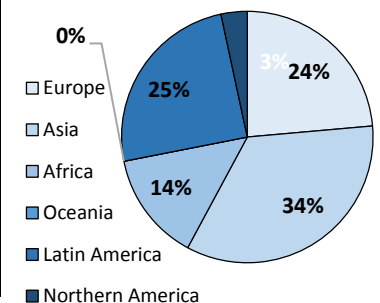
Source: U.S. Census Bureau, Population Estimates Program

Compared to the state, Lac Qui Parle Co. has a smaller percentage of foreign-born residents. From 2010 to 2018, Lac Qui Parle Co. saw an increase in the number of foreign-born residents, which was faster than the statewide increase.

	Lac Qui Parle Co.		Change 2010-2018		Minnesota	
	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Percent	Change
<b>Foreign-born Population</b>	<b>178</b>	<b>2.6%</b>	<b>85</b>	<b>91.4%</b>	<b>8.4%</b>	<b>25.8%</b>
Europe	42	23.6%	19	82.6%	10.2%	4.8%
Asia	61	34.3%	35	134.6%	37.7%	27.8%
Africa	25	14.0%	10	66.7%	24.5%	61.1%
Oceania	0	0.0%	0	#DIV/0!	0.5%	41.9%
Americas:	50	28.1%	21	72.4%	27.1%	9.8%
Latin America	44	24.7%	32	266.7%	24.6%	11.8%
Northern America	6	3.4%	-11	-64.7%	2.6%	-6.0%

Source: U.S. Census Bureau, 2014-2018 American Community Survey

Figure 2. Place of Birth for the Foreign Born Population, 2018



## COUNTY PROFILE

Lac Qui Parle Co.

Lac Qui Parle Co.'s population was becoming more racially diverse over time. Since 2000, the county's white population declined, but the number of people of other races increased (see Table 4).

**Figure 3. Population by Race, 2018**

- White
- Black or African American
- American Indian
- Asian
- Some Other Race
- Two or More Races

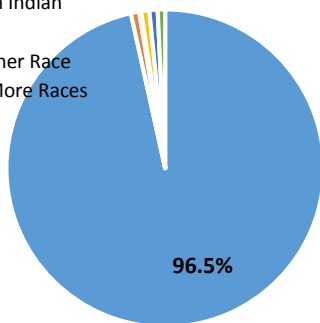


Table 4. Race and Hispanic Origin, 2018	Lac Qui Parle Co.			Minnesota	
	Number	Percent	Change from 2000-2018	Percent	Change from 2000-2018
<b>Total</b>	<b>6,773</b>	<b>100.0%</b>	<b>-16.0%</b>	<b>100.0%</b>	<b>12.4%</b>
White	6,538	96.5%	-18.0%	83.3%	4.7%
Black or African American	57	0.8%	338.5%	6.2%	99.3%
American Indian or Alaska Native	14	0.2%	-22.2%	1.1%	7.3%
Asian or Other Pac. Islanders	56	0.8%	115.4%	4.8%	83.8%
Some Other Race	57	0.8%	1040.0%	1.8%	48.7%
Two or More Races	51	0.8%	64.5%	2.9%	90.7%
Hispanic or Latino origin	149	2.2%	609.5%	5.3%	104.2%

Source: U.S. Census Bureau, 2014-2018 American Community Survey

## POPULATION PROJECTIONS

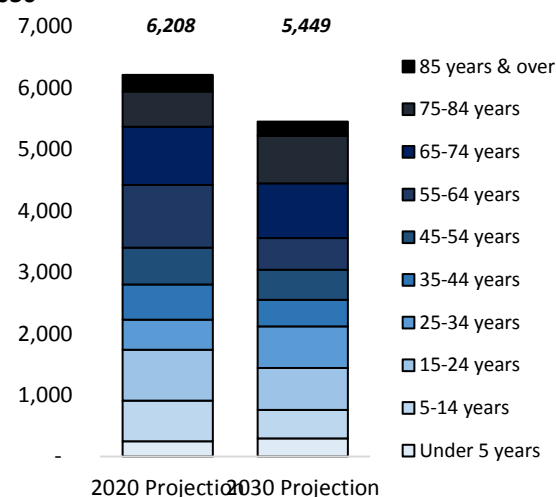
According to the Minnesota State Demographic Center, Lac Qui Parle Co.'s population is expected to decline from 2020 to 2030, with a rate of change that is slower than the projected statewide growth rate (5.0%). Despite the decline, the number of people aged 65 years and older is expected to increase over the next decade (see Figure 4 and Table 5).

**Table 5. Population Projections by Age Group, 2020-2030**

Lac Qui Parle Co.	2020 Projection	2030 Projection	Numeric Change	Percent Change
Under 5 years	247	295	48	19.4%
5-14 years	660	465	-195	-29.5%
15-24 years	829	679	-150	-18.1%
25-34 years	492	678	186	37.8%
35-44 years	570	431	-139	-24.4%
45-54 years	600	490	-110	-18.3%
55-64 years	1,019	518	-501	-49.2%
65-74 years	947	891	-56	-5.9%
75-84 years	574	769	195	34.0%
85 years & over	270	233	-37	-13.7%
<b>Total Population</b>	<b>6,208</b>	<b>5,449</b>	<b>-759</b>	<b>-12.2%</b>

Source: Minnesota State Demographic Center

**Figure 4. Projections by Age Group, 2020-2030**



## EDUCATIONAL ATTAINMENT

Lac Qui Parle Co. has a lower percentage of adults (18 years & over) with at least a high school diploma than the state (92.4%), and a lower percentage of people with at least some college experience. Lac Qui Parle Co. also has a higher percentage of people with an Associate's degree and a lower percentage of people with a Bachelor's degree or higher.

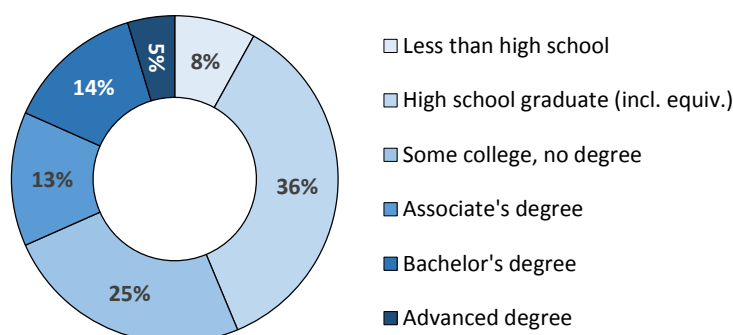
Percentage of the adult population (18 years & over) with at least a high school diploma:

**92.0%**

College-educated: **56.3%**  
state: 67.1%

Associate's Degree: **13.3%**  
Bachelor's Degree: **13.7%**  
Advanced Degree: **4.7%**

**Figure 5. Educational Attainment, 2018**



Source: U.S. Census Bureau, 2014-2018 American Community Survey

## LABOR FORCE TRENDS

The number of workers in Lac Qui Parle Co. increased over the past year. Long term, Lac Qui Parle Co.'s labor force declined more slowly from 2004 to 2019, compared to a statewide growth rate of 8.0% (see Figure 6).

**3,542** available workers

Labor Force change,  
2004-2019

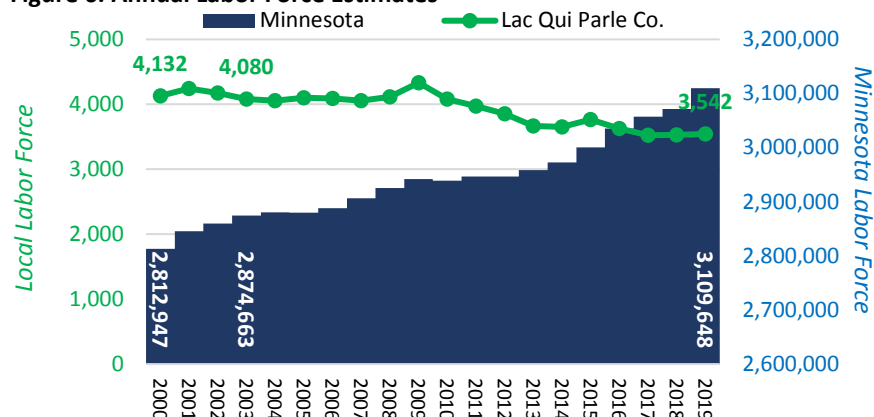
-516 workers  
-12.7% decline

**3.9%** unemployment rate

3.2% state

**138** unemployed workers

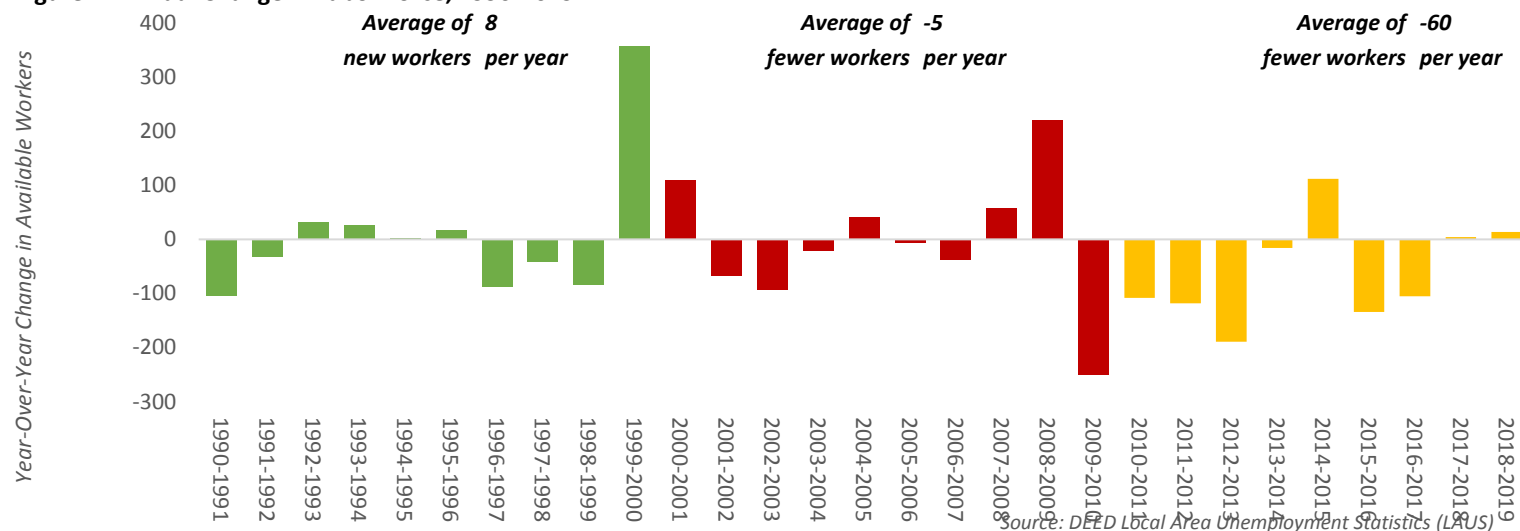
Figure 6. Annual Labor Force Estimates



Source: DEED Local Area Unemployment Statistics

At 3.9%, Lac Qui Parle Co. had a higher unemployment rate than the state in 2019. Lac Qui Parle Co.'s unemployment rate increased compared to 3.6% in 2018, and was lower than the 6.1% rate posted in 2009. The number of unemployed workers actively seeking work in Lac Qui Parle Co. increased over the past year, and is down compared to 2009.

Figure 7. Annual Change in Labor Force, 1990-2019



Source: DEED Local Area Unemployment Statistics (LAUS)

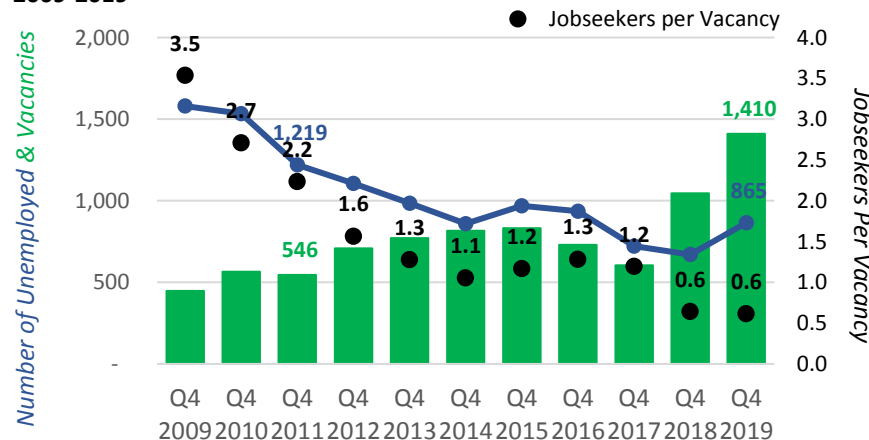
Labor force growth has slowed in recent years. After experiencing a net gain of workers from 1990 to 2000, Lac Qui Parle Co. averaged an annual loss of fewer workers from 2000 to 2010, and most recently a loss of fewer workers since 2010 (see Figure 7). Moving forward, Lac Qui Parle Co. is expected to see a labor force decline from 2020 to 2030 (see Table 6).

Table 6. Labor Force Projections, 2020-2030	Labor Force Projection	
	2020	2030
16 to 24 years	539	453
25 to 54 years	1,439	1,387
55 to 64 years	795	404
65 years & over	349	345
<b>Total Labor Force</b>	<b>3,122</b>	<b>2,589</b>

Source: Minnesota State Demographic Center

Lac Qui Parle Co. is a part of Region 6W, which includes Big Stone, Chippewa, Lac qui Parle, Swift, and Yellow Medicine County. The labor market has grown extremely tight in recent years, dropping to a ratio of 0.6 jobseekers per vacancy during the 4th quarter of 2019 (see Figure 8).

Figure 8. Jobseekers Per Vacancy, 2009-2019



Source: DEED Job Vacancy Survey, LAUS program

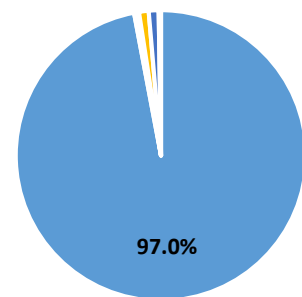
## LABOR FORCE CHARACTERISTICS

Lac Qui Parle Co. had a lower labor force participation rate than the state. The labor force in Lac Qui Parle Co. is less racially diverse than the state (where 85.5% of workers are white alone), but is becoming more diverse over time.

Table 7. Employment Characteristics, 2018

	Lac Qui Parle Co.			Minnesota		Lac Qui Parle Co.	
	In Labor Force (available workers)	Labor Force Partic. Rate	Unemp. Rate	Labor Force Partic. Rate	Unemp. Rate	Male	Female
<b>Total Labor Force</b>	<b>3,458</b>	<b>61.2%</b>	<b>2.3%</b>	<b>69.7%</b>	<b>3.9%</b>	<b>1,861</b>	<b>1,599</b>
16 to 19 years	147	45.7%	5.4%	52.9%	11.7%	78	69
20 to 24 years	301	91.5%	1.3%	84.4%	6.4%	158	143
25 to 44 years	1,046	87.7%	3.6%	88.6%	3.5%	569	477
45 to 54 years	720	84.6%	2.5%	87.3%	2.8%	397	323
55 to 64 years	924	78.1%	1.0%	72.6%	3.0%	483	441
65 to 74 years	245	29.6%	0.8%	27.6%	2.4%	141	104
75 years & over	77	8.1%	0.0%	6.3%	2.6%	35	42
<b>Employment Characteristics by Race &amp; Hispanic Origin</b>							
White alone	3,356	61.3%	2.1%	69.5%	3.3%		
Black or African American	12	26.1%	0.0%	70.7%	9.9%		
American Indian & Alaska Native	7	50.0%	0.0%	58.5%	12.8%		
Asian or Other Pac. Islanders	37	68.5%	0.0%	71.3%	4.7%		
Some Other Race	38	100.0%	15.8%	77.2%	6.2%		
Two or More Races	9	36.0%	22.2%	73.1%	7.6%		
Hispanic or Latino	87	91.6%	9.2%	76.3%	6.5%		
<b>Employment Characteristics by Disability</b>							
With Any Disability	195	50.5%	2.6%	52.5%	9.0%		
<b>Employment Characteristics by Educational Attainment</b>							
Population, 25 to 64 years	2,689	83.3%	2.4%	84.2%	3.2%		
Less than H.S. Diploma	128	68.8%	3.7%	65.4%	4.5%		
H.S. Diploma or Equivalent	737	77.4%	1.9%	78.6%	2.6%		
Some College or Assoc. Degree	1,201	87.1%	2.1%	85.2%	3.2%		
Bachelor's Degree or Higher	624	87.8%	0.0%	89.8%	1.9%		

Figure 9. Labor Force by Race, 2018



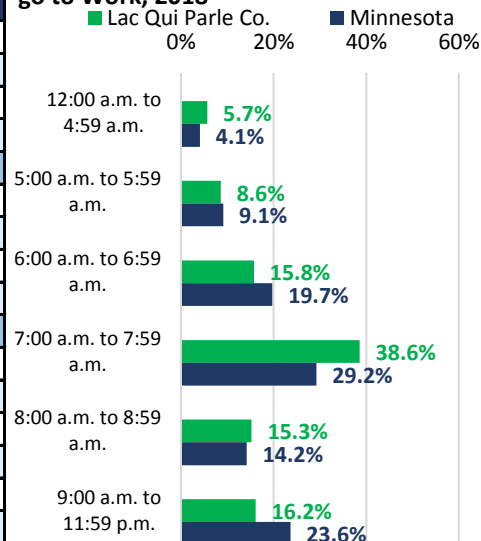
- White alone
- Black or African American
- American Indian & Alaska Native
- Asian or Other Pac. Islanders
- Some Other Race
- Two or More Races

Source: 2014-2018 American Community Survey, 5-Year Estimates

A larger percentage of workers in Lac Qui Parle Co. worked in the same county in which they live compared to the state. Lac Qui Parle Co. also had a shorter average commute time than the state.

Table 8. Commuting Characteristics, 2018	Lac Qui Parle Co.		Minnesota	
	Number	Percent	Number	Percent
Worked in state of residence	3,162	95.0%	2,807,811	97.5%
Worked in county of residence	2,399	72.1%	1,831,557	63.6%
Worked out of county of residence	762	22.9%	979,134	34.0%
Worked outside state of residence	166	5.0%	71,995	2.5%
<b>MEANS OF TRANSPORTATION TO WORK</b>				
Car, truck, or van	2,776	83.4%	2,488,152	86.4%
Public transportation (excl. taxicab)	10	0.3%	103,673	3.6%
Other method (walk, bike, taxi, etc.)	223	6.7%	126,711	4.4%
Worked at home	319	9.6%	164,149	5.7%
<b>TRAVEL TIME TO WORK</b>				
Less than 10 minutes	1,398	42.0%	455,009	15.8%
10 to 19 minutes	882	26.5%	869,701	30.2%
20 to 29 minutes	426	12.8%	639,317	22.2%
30 to 44 minutes	393	11.8%	564,442	19.6%
45 to 59 minutes	100	3.0%	192,947	6.7%
60 or more minutes	130	3.9%	158,389	5.5%
<b>Mean travel time to work (minutes)</b>	<b>16.1 minutes</b>		<b>23.5 minutes</b>	

Figure 10. Time Leaving Home to go to Work, 2018



Source: 2014-2018 American Community Survey, 5-Year Estimates

INCOMES, COST OF LIVING, & HOUSING

Lac Qui Parle Co. had a lower median household income than the state, and a higher percentage of households with incomes below \$50,000. Overall, Lac Qui Parle Co. had the 74th highest median household income of the 87 counties in the state.

Median Household Income

\$52,199

state

\$68,411

Median Family Income

\$64,838

state

\$86,204

Per Capita Income

\$31,686

state

\$36,245

Source: 2014-2018 American Community Survey

Figure 11. Household Incomes, 2018

Less than \$25,000

\$25,000-\$49,999

\$50,000-\$74,999

\$75,000-\$99,999

\$100,00-\$149,999

\$150,000 or more

Lac Qui Parle Co.

22.0%

24.9%

22.4%

12.7%

11.3%

6.7%

Minnesota

16.1%

20.3%

18.0%

14.0%

17.2%

14.3%

Source: 2014-2018 American Community Survey 5-Year Estimates

Lac Qui Parle Co. also had a lower cost of living than the state, with a required hourly wage of \$12.63 for a single person living alone to meet a basic needs cost of living, and an hourly wage requirement of \$14.61 for a typical family with 2 adults and 1 child (see Table 9).

Table 9. Basic Needs Cost of Living Estimates, 2019

Single Adult, 0 children	Single Yearly Cost of Living	Hourly Wage Required	Monthly Costs						
			Child Care	Food	Health Care	Housing	Transportation	Other	Taxes
Lac Qui Parle Co.	\$26,268	\$12.63	\$0	\$346	\$166	\$555	\$588	\$253	\$281
State of Minnesota	\$30,900	\$14.86	\$0	\$335	\$137	\$759	\$629	\$336	\$379
Typical Family: 2 Adults (1 working full-time, 1 part-time), 1 child	Family Yearly Cost of Living	Hourly Wage Required	Monthly Costs						
			Child Care	Food	Health Care	Housing	Transportation	Other	Taxes
Lac Qui Parle Co.	\$45,576	\$14.61	\$218	\$793	\$659	\$713	\$674	\$422	\$319
State of Minnesota	\$55,548	\$17.80	\$511	\$764	\$484	\$986	\$729	\$537	\$618

Source: DEED Cost of Living tool

Lac Qui Parle Co. had a lower median house value than the state, having the 85th highest value of the 87 counties in 2018. Lac Qui Parle Co.'s housing stock was older than the state's, with a lower percentage of units built since 2000 (see Figure 12).

Table 10. Estimated Value of Owner-occupied Housing Units, 2018

	Lac Qui Parle Co.		Minnesota
	Total	Percent	Percent
Total	2,497	100.0%	100.0%
Less than \$50,000	672	26.9%	5.7%
\$50,000 to \$99,999	724	29.0%	9.4%
\$100,000 to \$149,999	391	15.7%	15.2%
\$150,000 to \$199,999	309	12.4%	19.8%
\$200,000 to \$299,999	237	9.5%	25.7%
\$300,000 to \$499,999	125	5.0%	17.6%
\$500,000 or more	39	1.6%	6.6%
Median (dollars)	\$85,600		\$199,700

Source: 2014-2018 American Community Survey, 5-Year Estimates

Median monthly owner costs, owner-occupied units with a mortgage

\$984

state

\$1,547

Percentage of households with a mortgage spending 30% or more of their income on housing costs

19.9%

state

22.6%

Median monthly rent costs

\$547

state

\$944

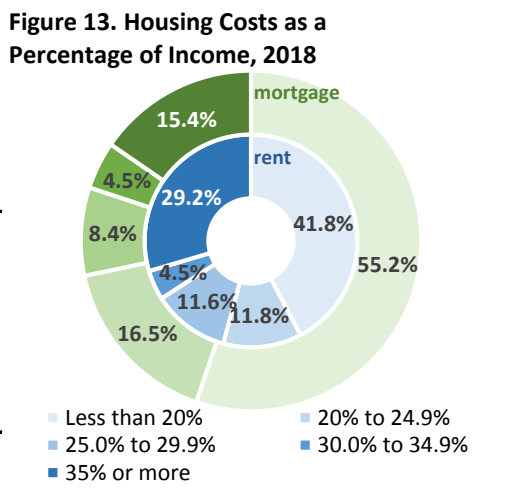
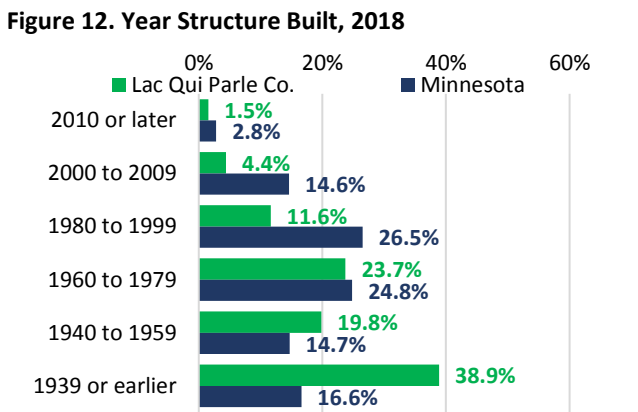
Percentage of renters spending 30% or more of their household income on rent

33.7%

state

45.9%

Source: 2014-2018 American Community Survey, 5-Year Estimates





## OCCUPATIONS

At \$18.02 in 2020, wages were lower in Region 6W than the state. Overall, Region 6W had the 10th highest median hourly wage level of the 13 economic development regions in the state. Wages were highest for management occupations (\$36.66) and lowest for food preparation and serving related jobs (\$11.7) (see Table 11).

Table 11. Occupational Employment Statistics, 2020

Occupational Group	Region 6W				State of Minnesota		
	Median Hourly Wage	Estimated Regional Jobs	Share of Total Jobs	Regional Location Quotient	Median Hourly Wage	State-wide Jobs	Share of Total Jobs
<b>Total, All Occupations</b>	<b>\$18.02</b>	<b>32,970</b>	<b>100.0%</b>	<b>1.0</b>	<b>\$21.49</b>	<b>2,880,650</b>	<b>100.0%</b>
Management	\$36.66	1,340	4.1%	0.7	\$24.38	165,310	5.7%
Business & Financial Operations	\$26.40	790	2.4%	0.4	\$12.43	244,300	8.5%
Computer & Mathematical	\$27.33	280	0.8%	0.2	\$17.72	4,060	0.1%
Architecture & Engineering	\$30.31	290	0.9%	0.5	\$20.03	363,800	12.6%
Life, Physical & Social Science	\$24.12	270	0.8%	0.9	\$24.31	100,060	3.5%
Community & Social Service	\$20.68	870	2.6%	1.3	\$13.65	70,290	2.4%
Legal	\$28.25	70	0.2%	0.3	\$18.06	216,890	7.5%
Education, Training & Library	\$18.61	2,540	7.7%	1.3	\$38.00	55,520	1.9%
Arts, Design, Entertainment & Media	\$19.90	240	0.7%	0.5	\$28.97	104,900	3.6%
Healthcare Practitioners & Technical	\$30.87	10,120	30.7%	4.6	\$37.35	20,050	0.7%
Healthcare Support	\$14.67	3,060	9.3%	1.6	\$24.52	38,540	1.3%
Protective Service	\$20.10	710	2.2%	1.4	\$15.37	277,000	9.6%
Food Preparation & Serving Related	\$11.70	1,460	4.4%	0.5	\$23.34	57,200	2.0%
Building, Grounds Cleaning & Maint.	\$14.11	1,090	3.3%	1.1	\$15.23	83,860	2.9%
Personal Care & Service	\$12.46	380	1.2%	0.5	\$36.07	190,800	6.6%
Sales & Related	\$15.00	1,530	4.6%	0.5	\$42.71	97,960	3.4%
Office & Administrative Support	\$17.90	3,580	10.9%	0.9	\$52.70	170,650	5.9%
Farming, Fishing & Forestry	\$18.13	60	0.2%	1.3	\$19.03	212,650	7.4%
Construction & Extraction	\$21.77	730	2.2%	0.6	\$22.45	45,030	1.6%
Installation, Maintenance & Repair	\$21.80	660	2.0%	0.6	\$14.81	163,160	5.7%
Production	\$18.39	1,550	4.7%	0.6	\$33.87	171,550	6.0%
Transportation & Material Moving	\$17.00	1,350	4.1%	0.5	\$34.35	27,070	0.9%

Source: DEED Occupational Employment Statistics, Qtr. 1 2020

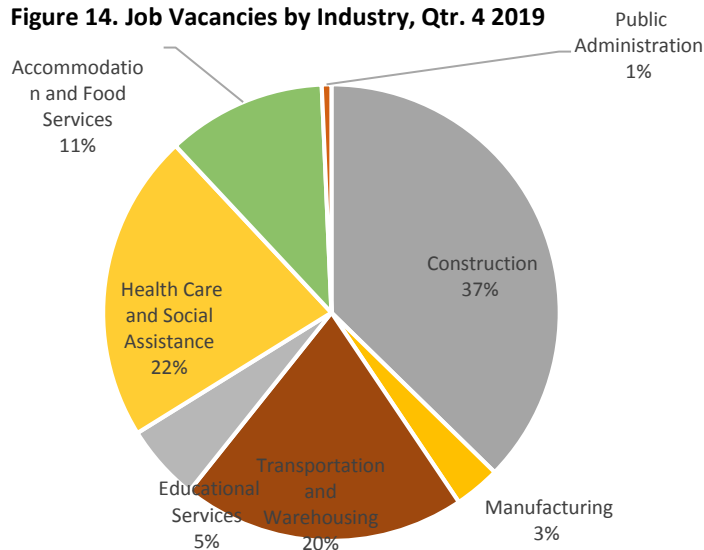
## JOB VACANCY SURVEY

Lac Qui Parle Co. is a part of Region 6W, which includes Big Stone, Chippewa, Lac qui Parle, Swift, and Yellow Medicine County. There were 1410 job vacancies posted by employers in the 4th Quarter of 2019, indicating extensive opportunity in the region, with openings across several occupations and industries (see Figure 14).

Table 12. Region 6W Job Vacancy Survey Results, Qtr. 4 2019

Occupational Group	Number of Vacancies	Wage Offer
<b>Total, All Occupations</b>	<b>1,410</b>	<b>\$14.99</b>
Management	6	\$26.00
Business & Financial Operations	9	\$27.90
Computer & Mathematical	#N/A	#N/A
Architecture & Engineering	4	\$20.47
Life, Physical & Social Sciences	#N/A	#N/A
Community & Social Service	23	\$11.00
Education, Training & Library	#N/A	#N/A
Healthcare Practitioners & Technical	48	\$15.53
Healthcare Support	#N/A	#N/A
Protective Service	119	\$28.64
Food Preparation & Serving Related	52	\$13.90
Building, Grounds Cleaning & Maint.	#N/A	#N/A
Personal Care & Service	182	\$10.30
Sales & Related	34	\$10.94
Office & Administrative Support	36	\$10.00
Construction & Extraction	35	\$10.15
Installation, Maintenance & Repair	29	\$14.00
Production	#N/A	#N/A
Transportation & Material Moving	117	\$23.13

Figure 14. Job Vacancies by Industry, Qtr. 4 2019



Source: DEED Job Vacancy Survey, Qtr. 4 2019

## OCCUPATIONS IN DEMAND

Table 13. Southwest Occupations in Demand, 2019

Less than High School	High School or Equivalent	Some College or Assoc. Deg.	Bachelor's Degree or Higher
Personal Care Aides \$26,919	Heavy & Tractor-Trailer Truck Drivers \$44,307	Registered Nurses \$65,723	Elementary School Teachers \$49,919
Combined Food Preparation & Serving \$23,754	First-Line Supervisors of Retail Sales Workers \$40,150	Nursing Assistants \$30,046	Secondary School Teachers \$51,607
Cashiers \$23,665	Childcare Workers \$23,494	Machinists \$41,453	Agricultural & Food Science Technicians \$42,140
Janitors & Cleaners \$27,891	Office Clerks, General \$34,602	Licensed Practical & Licensed Vocational Nurses \$45,512	Preschool Teachers, Except Special Education \$35,030
Retail Salespersons \$25,408	Maintenance & Repair Workers, General \$40,722	Automotive Service Technicians & Mechanics \$36,107	Industrial Engineers \$76,019
Home Health Aides \$27,561	Teacher Assistants \$28,683	Industrial Machinery Mechanics \$47,807	Accountants & Auditors \$61,676
Waiters & Waitresses \$21,617	Secretaries & Administrative Assistants \$38,419	Police & Sheriff's Patrol Officers \$58,377	Middle School Teachers \$49,989
Laborers & Freight, Stock & Material Movers, Hand \$34,151	Sales Representatives, Wholesale & Manufacturing \$62,712	Emergency Medical Technicians & Paramedics \$36,520	Financial Managers \$102,734
Stock Clerks & Order Fillers \$26,428	Welders, Cutters, Solderers, & Brazers \$41,595	Industrial Engineering Technicians \$48,612	Mechanical Engineers \$78,526
Cooks, Restaurant \$24,812	First-Line Supervisors of Food Prep & Serving Workers \$33,357	Heating, Air Cond. (HVAC) & Refrig. Mechanics \$44,355	Human Resources Specialists \$53,909

Source: DEED Occupations in Demand

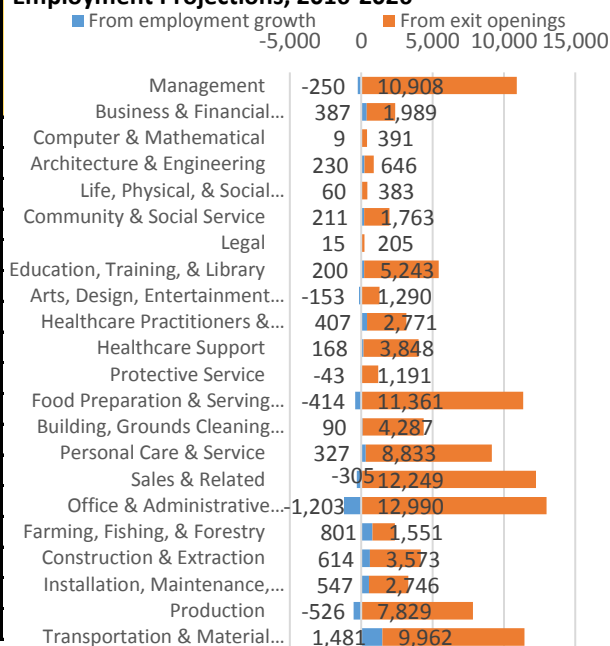
Lac Qui Parle Co. is a part of the Southwest planning region, which is projected to see a 0.9% increase in employment levels over the next decade. In addition to new jobs created, there will be a much larger number of exit openings (see Figure 15).

Table 14. Regional Industry Employment Projections, 2016-2026

Southwest Planning Region	Estimated Employment 2016	Projected Employment 2026	Percent Change 2016-2026
<b>Total, All Industries</b>	<b>211,618</b>	<b>213,503</b>	<b>0.9%</b>
Natural Resources & Mining	5,948	7,338	23.4%
Utilities	755	831	10.1%
Construction	7,995	8,408	5.2%
Manufacturing	31,264	31,145	-0.4%
Wholesale Trade	8,272	8,323	0.6%
Retail Trade	20,647	19,748	-4.4%
Transportation & Warehousing	7,176	8,023	11.8%
Information	2,746	2,569	-6.4%
Finance & Insurance, Real Estate	7,546	7,638	1.2%
Professional Services & Mgmt. of Companies	5,859	6,141	4.8%
Administrative & Waste Services	4,163	4,277	2.7%
Educational Services	16,891	16,886	0.0%
Health Care & Social Assistance	29,857	31,196	4.5%
Leisure & Hospitality	14,751	14,367	-2.6%
Other Services, Ex. Public Admin	7,632	7,142	-6.4%
Public Administration	13,150	13,136	-0.1%

Source: DEED 2016-2026 Employment Outlook

Figure 15. Regional Occupational Employment Projections, 2016-2026



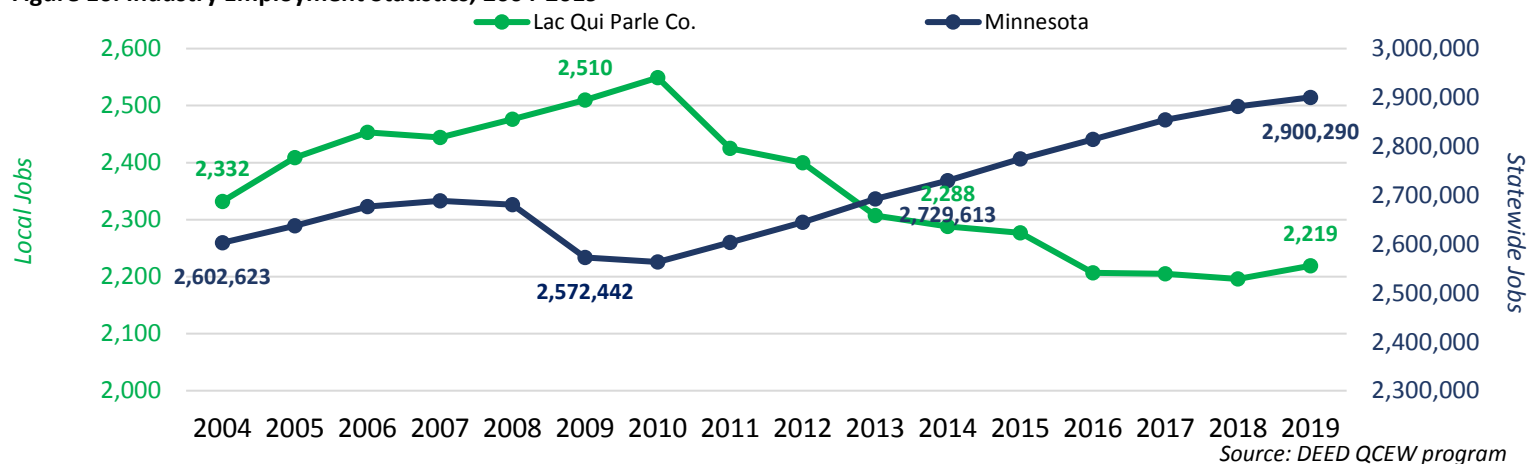
After gaining jobs over the past year, Lac Qui Parle Co. had the 77th largest economy of the 87 counties in the state. Lac Qui Parle Co. was the 18th fastest growing in the past year and the 71st fastest growing since 2014. From 2014 to 2019, employers in Lac Qui Parle Co. cut jobs, but lagged the state's 6.3% growth rate.

**\$36,848** | annual average wage

**\$81,765,892** | total industry payroll

-69 jobs  
-3.0% decline

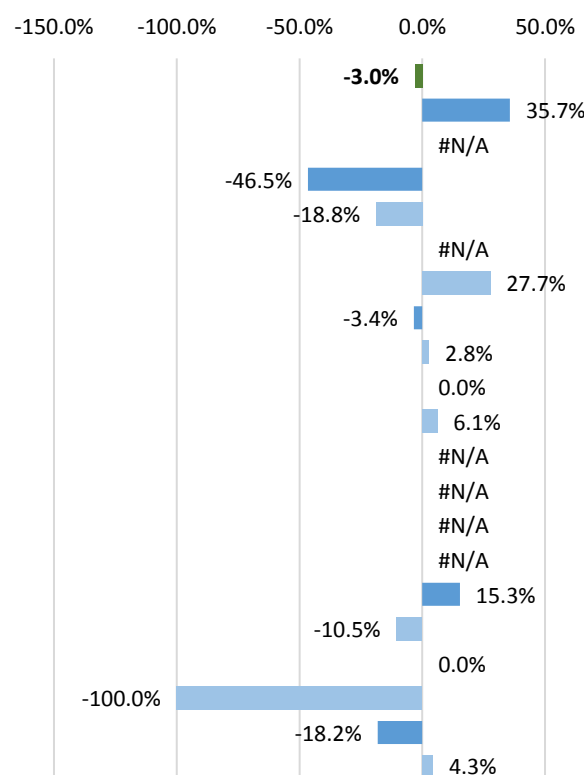
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Source: DEED QCEW program

Table 15. Lac Qui Parle Co. Industry Employment Statistics, 2019	Number of Jobs	Percent of Total Jobs	Average Annual Wage
<b>Total, All Industries</b>	<b>2,219</b>	<b>100.0%</b>	<b>\$36,848</b>
Agriculture, Forestry, Fish & Hunt	57	2.6%	\$41,930
Mining	#N/A	#N/A	#N/A
Construction	116	5.2%	\$41,963
Manufacturing	147	6.6%	\$56,212
Utilities	#N/A	#N/A	#N/A
Wholesale Trade	212	9.6%	\$39,859
Retail Trade	227	10.2%	\$25,778
Transportation & Warehousing	109	4.9%	\$38,866
Information	0	0.0%	#DIV/0!
Finance & Insurance	104	4.7%	\$67,201
Real Estate & Rental & Leasing	#N/A	#N/A	#N/A
Professional & Technical Services	9	0.4%	\$16,718
Management of Companies	#N/A	#N/A	#N/A
Admin. Support & Waste Mgmt. Svcs.	51	2.3%	\$31,118
Educational Services	331	14.9%	\$36,495
Health Care & Social Assistance	478	21.5%	\$38,782
Arts, Entertainment, & Recreation	0	0.0%	#DIV/0!
Accommodation & Food Services	0	0.0%	#DIV/0!
Other Services	63	2.8%	\$16,153
Public Administration	168	7.6%	\$34,556

**Figure 17. Change in Jobs, 2014-2019**



Source: DEED Quarterly Census of Employment & Wages (QCEW)

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